(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these congestions are due to inefficient handling of ships at the ports; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The number of ships waiting for berths as on 17-8-1985 is as under:-

(1) Calcutta—10 (including Haldia).

(2) Bombay—15

(3) Visakhapatnam—6

(4) Madras—Nil

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The main reasons for congestions are:-

(1) Bunched arrival of ships;

(2) Slow rate of handling of cargo like fertilizer due to its hygroscopic nature.

(3) Intermittent rainfall leading to slow discharge.

Electrification of some sections of the Delhi-Ahmedabad line

2530. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to electrify some sections of the Delhi-Ahmedabad metre gauge line, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA). (a) No, Sir. Does not arise.

(b) Electrification of Railways is a capital intensive work and the expenditure is incurred by priority on section which have the highest traffic density, so as to obtain maximum and quickest return on capital invested. The present priorities for electrification are to cover the trunk routes connecting the Metropolitan towns *i.e.* Delhi-Bombay, Calcutta-Bombay and Delhi-Madras and other routes important for movement of coal and iron ore etc. In view of the priorities for electrification of trunk routes and constraint of resources, it has not been feasible to include electrification of Delhi-Ahmedabad Metre Gauge Section in the Railways' programme of Electrification in the VII Five-Year Plan.

Extension of Junagadh-Jetalsur passenger train up to Rajkot

2531. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from Saurashtra passengers association, Chembers of Commerce and other organisations of Rajkot and Junagadh on the Western Railway to extend 345|346 Junagadh-Jetalsur local train up to Rajkot; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This has been examined, but not found feasible due to lack of traffic justification.

Proposed halt of Indore Express at Dahod

2532. SHRI JAGESH DESAI. Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received memorandum from a section of the public of Dahod for a halt of the Indore Express at Dahod; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?